

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the Abstract as attached hereto to replace any pre-existing Abstract.

Please cancel the paragraph at page 2, lines 20-23.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The study is performed by the method of Marzulli-Maibach on 50 volunteers on whom patches are applied to the back at a ~~4~~=homolateral site and a controlateral site.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Said bases are presented especially in the form of aqueous or oily solutions or alcoholic solutions, dispersions, gels, emulsions obtained by dispersing a fatty phase in an aqueous phase, or vice-versa, and suspensions or emulsions. These preparations are formulated according to protocols normally used in the field of cosmetic and/or dermo-cosmetic formulation.